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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action mailed June 17, 2003, Applicants respectfully submit the following Amendment and Remarks/Arguments in conjunction with a Request for Extension of Time, enclosed herein, under 35 CFR Section 1.136(a), for one month, to extend the period for response to October 17, 2003.

Although the Examiner did not make any art rejections, Applicants have canceled all claims without waiver or prejudice, and has rewritten claim 1 as new independent claim 11 for further clarity and are presenting two independent claims (nos. 13 and 15), which are directed to two subcombinations within claim 11. Three (3) independent claims and (17) multiple dependent claims, for a total of thirty (20) claims, are being presented. A fee calculation sheet to show what is owed for the new set of claims is also enclosed herein.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees required, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 16-1445.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 6 of this paper and include attached replacement sheets.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.

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An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 15 of this paper.